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PRESIDENT PRATHER AND PRESIDENT-ELECT KYSER



PRESIDENT H. LEE PRATHER will begin his terminal leave on May 5, with his retirement effective June 30. President-elect John Kysor will take over the duties of the office as acting president May 15, and will assume the full duties of the office on July 1. Coming to the College in 1913, President Prather has served the institution in many capacities. He was head coach, and for many years the only coach, of all inter-collegiate sports from 1913 until 1934. At that time he relinquished coaching duties except basketball, which he continued to coach until he assumed the presidency in 1950.

He served as Director of Athletics from his early days until 1950. Other important posts held by President Prather were Dean of Students, Dean of Men, Chairman of Discipline Committee, and Coordinator of Navy Programs.

He was named to the Helms Foundation Hall of Fame, and served as president of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. He is at present a member of the executive committee of the AIA.

In 37 years of coaching basketball at NSC, Coach Prather had only two seasons in which his teams did not win more games than they lost.

President Prather has made himself available to students and faculty with a sympathetic and understanding consideration of problems presented; he has delegated responsibility with the necessary authority to members of the faculty and staff; he has shown genuine sincerity and kindness, and displayed a spirit of Christian humility; consequently, he has had a most successful administration.

As president, coach, dean, and teacher, President Prather has worked with one great purpose in mind—the development of young men and young women mentally, physically, and spiritually. He believes and practices the theory that a trained mind in a strong body, governed by high ideals of personal and social conduct and a proper respect for the laws of God and man, will make for the best type of citizenship.

PRESIDENT-ELECT JOHN S. KYSER came to Northwestern State College in 1923. He earned the A.B. Degree at University of Michigan, did two years' graduate study at University of Chicago and University of California, and received his Ph.D. Degree from Louisiana State University.

He served as professor of Geography at NSC and in 1941 was

made head of the Department of Social Sciences. He is an authority on Louisiana Geography and sponsored tours throughout the state for many years.

The Columns expresses the sincere wish that President Prather may fully enjoy the recreation and vacation he so richly deserves, and that President-elect Kysor may have a most successful administration and bring about an even greater development and a richer service to the public which the College serves.

Winters Sisters Retire in June

Miss Catherine Z. Winters, Professor of History, and Miss Mary E. Winters, Supervisor of Fourth Grade, will retire at the end of the spring semester.

Inseparable in their daily work, walking to school together, going home together, shopping or driving together the sisters, it seems, should retire together.

Miss Catherine came to Northwestern State in 1926 and Miss Mary came in 1937. Strangely enough, each of them was teaching at Florida State College for Women, now Florida University, in Tallahassee, prior to accepting positions at N.S.C.

In addition to membership in Phi Alpha Theta, charter membership of Phi Kappa Phi, and P.E.O., Miss Catherine Winters is State Registrar of DAR, state founder of Delta Kappa Gamma, and sponsor of the Purple Jackets at NSC from 1929 through 1954.

Miss Mary Winters holds membership in Delta Kappa Gamma, Kappa Delta Pi, P.E.O., and DAR.

Miss Catherine (right, below) and Miss Mary (left) have been active in all college and civic activities, giving freely of their time and talents at every opportunity.

When asked about their plans for the future, Miss Catherine Winters stated: "We plan to do a lot of things we never had time to do. We expect to travel quite a bit and learn more of this wonderful country of ours."



Glattly and his *Singers*

By JOHN MERRILL

(Photos by Guillet)

"The inside of you has got to sing."

This is what Donald Glattly of Northwestern State College has to say. And he puts this bit of music philosophy to work every time he stands before a group of singers in concert or in rehearsal.

Glattly, associate professor of music, believes that singers must enjoy their singing and that the conductor has the power to create or destroy this enjoyment. As for Glattly, he creates enjoyment. He generates energy and manufactures enthusiasm. Bearing this out is a group of songsters called The College Singers, a Glattly-directed choral organization that bubbles over with enthusiasm for its music.

As a conductor, Glattly literally puts "everything" into leading his chorus, which has the distinction of being the official musical voice of Louisiana Elks. He says that a conductor must be able to express the spirit of the song through his motions. And Glattly does just that.

He uses his body in intricate maneuvers as he extracts harmonious notes from his singers. His techniques are often unorthodox, sometimes startling, but he gets results. The songs "get across" and every singer likes to sing under the dynamic director.

The Northwestern State music teacher believes that the ideal chorus member is not one with

intensive formal vocal training, which, as he puts it, "often limits his music expression to the learned techniques of the soloist."

A group of mediocre voices can sound good, says Glattly, if they are meaningful and if the music "comes from deep inside" of the singer. "What we need in choral work is raw emotion. Practiced emotion is no good."

Glattly has a definite philosophy concerning choral directing and has good reasons for his sometimes unorthodox actions in front of his singers. He says that in one sense the chorus always sings for its conductor and that the group is oblivious to the opinion of the audience for the moment. According



Glattly: Come on now . . . sing out . . .

to Glattly, the group is guided by the desire to satisfy the intentions of the conductor.

"Singers can always detect sham on the part of the conductor," declares Glattly. "The conductor's motions must be varied and must be meaningful and real. No formal technique in conducting exists that has any validity except the natural means of expression which the conductor would use to express the same thoughts and moods in other media."

Glattly's choral experience includes seven years as soloist with the Chicago A Cappella Choir under the direction of Noble Caine. He was assistant conductor for three years with the Symphonic Choir conducted by Dr. Walter Ashenbrener in Chicago.

He received the degrees of Bachelor of Music and Master of Music from Northwestern University and is working on his doctorate at Columbia. He is a native of Hot Springs, S. D., in the midst of the beautiful Black Hills. Coming to

Natchitoches and NSC in 1944, he has since been in charge of choral activities at the College. When not getting harmonies from his singers, he can generally be found indulging in one of his hobbies—farming and chess-playing.

His well-known singing group, The College Singers, first received state-wide recognition in appearing before the Louisiana Education Association's 1947 convention. This was one year after Glattly had created the organization. Since that time the Singers have appeared before numerous and varied groups throughout Louisiana and neighboring states and have sung before the National Elks Conventions in Chicago (1951) and in St. Louis (1953). The group has been invited to the big Los Angeles convention of the Elks the first week in July of this year.

No preference is shown music majors at the College each year when students throng into the choral room seeking a place in the distinctive singing organization. Glattly selects his songsters campus-wide: the only qualifications are a "feel" for music, an enthusiasm for singing, and average ability.

The colorful NSC music teacher knows that many of his mannerisms in directing are strange. He also knows that his techniques are often criticized by those in and out of the musical world. But he also knows that he gets good results with his methods. He knows that he has gone a long, long way in instilling a deep love for music and desire to sing within hundreds of students that have passed his way.

He also knows—and he has no doubts—that as he stands before his singers and looks into their eyes and hears their vigor finding words, they are singing as God made folks to sing. They're "singing on the inside."



Seven NSC Cadets Pass Examination

Seven Northwestern State College Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets passed the Aviation Flying and Officer Grade examination at Lackland Air Force Base, entitling them to enter the Air Force pilot training course after graduation. Ten cadets went from SC to take the examination.

Approximately 75 students from various colleges and universities took the test with only 11 passing. Even of the 11 were from NSC.

Those qualifying were Hugh Mercer, Winnfield; James B. McCain, Rosepine; Hunter Jenkins, Lake Providence; Charles Holloway and Gayle Hearn, Forest Hill; and John Batten and Mayo Prudhomme, Natchitoches.

Correction and Apology

In the center spread of the April issue of ALUMNI COLUMNS, the name of Miss Irma Stockwell was inadvertently omitted. The article, which related to the activities of the Speech Division of the Languages Department, should have carried the name of Miss Stockwell as being in charge of speech correction.

Miss Stockwell is doing highly effective work in her field and is recognized in the South as an unusually capable speech correctionist. For the omission of her name in the write-up, we extend our sincere apology.

ALUMNI Here 'n There

A letter from Mrs. W. S. (Bill) Wren of Coushatta, the former Sarah Olynn Adams, B.S. '48, states that she is much improved after surgery, removal of one lobe of her lung, and hopes to be up and about soon.

The Wrens have two children, Georgia Ann, three and one-half years of age, and William Andrew, who will celebrate his first birthday on May 15.

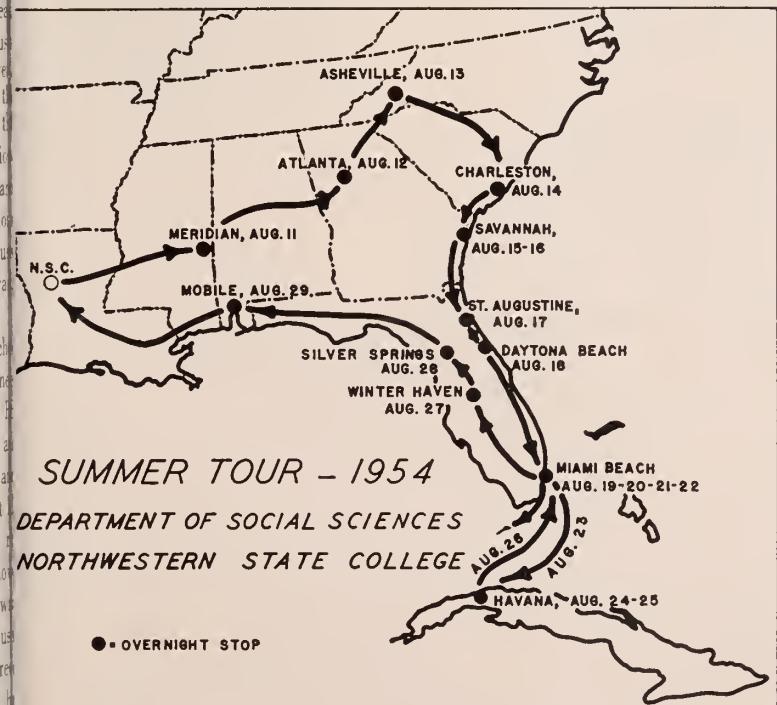
She also stated that her sister, Mrs. Harold H. Brogan, the former Dorris Adams, B.S. '40, lives at 2540 Commonwealth Avenue, San Diego 4, California. The Brogans have three children.

Mrs. Wren would appreciate letters from former classmates.

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Maurice "Red" Thompson, A.B. '53, who is manager of the West

ANNUAL SUMMER TOUR — AUGUST 11-30



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NORTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE

• OVERNIGHT STOP

The annual summer educational-recreational tour, sponsored by the Department of Social Sciences, will cover Southeast United States and Cuba. Six semester hours of college credit may be earned on the tour, or one may go only for the trip and a vacation. The tour will cover 3,444 miles by Continental Trailways bus, plus cruise on S. Florida from Miami to Havana and return. Total cost, exclusive of meals, is \$215. Deposit of \$50 required to reserve place. Deadline for reservations—August 3. For information, write Dr. Yvonne Phillips, N.S.C. Box 1102, or Department of Social Sciences, Northwestern State College.



"Wings of Gold" of a Naval Aviator and his commission were awarded to Marine 2nd Lt. Ralph G. Combs, former student, by Rear Admiral Dale Harris, USN, Chief of Naval Air Basic Training, in ceremonies held at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, recently.

Lt. Combs, a native of Natchitoches, is shown with his wife, the former Beryl DeLoach, B.S. '52, of West Monroe, as he receives the award. He is now stationed at Kingsville, Texas, where he will receive jet fighter pilot training in the Navy's TV Shooting Star, jet trainer.

Lt. and Mrs. Combs receive their mail at 114 E. Avenue C, Robstown, Texas.

Monroe Branch of Brown-Roberts Hardware, writes to change his address to 105 Bridge Street, West Monroe, as mail addressed to the firm is very confusing to the postman. There is a Roberts and Brown Company on the same street. Anyway, we hope Red gets his Columns at his new address.

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Mrs. E. R. Shannon of 832 E. South Street, Appleton, Wisconsin, the former Mary Lester, ex '42, of Coushatta, visited the campus in March. The Shannons have two children, Michael, 5 years old, and Scott, 6 months old.

Mr. Shannon will be remembered as a former teacher of Music on the faculty of Northwestern State. He is now engaged in business in Appleton.

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A note from Mrs. C. R. "Red" Francis, the former Rose Marie McRight, A.B. '53, states that she is now living in Gardner, Kansas, and teaching second grade. "Red" is stationed at Gardner in the Air Force. He was a student at NSC in '51 and '52.

Something to Emulate

The six children of Mrs. W. W. Wilson, N.S.C. Box 1115, Natchitoches, have each been mailed a Life Certificate in the Alumni Association as a present from her. Those receiving certificates are Mrs. Ruby Wilson Groves, 829 Martin Avenue, Pineville; Mrs. Clifford Wilson Williams, Chestnut; Mrs. Eva Wilson Nichols, Natchitoches; Mrs. Ida White Wil-

son, Box 75, LeCompte; Ralph W. Wilson, Box 148, Southeastern Louisiana College, Hammond; and Kenneth M. Wilson, 32-A Avon Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

A presentation of these certificates of life membership in the Alumni Association was a most gracious gesture, and should remind our readers that they too may have sons or daughters who would appreciate a similar gift. Of course, if you do not have others to whom you should like to make such a presentation, there is still the possibility of getting one for yourself.

Cupid's Doings

MISS MARY ANN MORELL, ex '50, of 2634 Vivian Street, Shreveport, and Cecil Lamar Ross, USAF, of Chipley, Georgia, were married in the First Presbyterian Church of Shreveport on April 24, the Rev. W. L. McLeod officiating.

The groom is now stationed at Moody Air Force Base, Valdosta, Georgia.

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MISS MARION COFER, former student, of Shreveport, and Mr. James Madison Hoss, Jr., of Delhi, were married in the chapel of the First Baptist Church of Shreveport on May 1, Dr. James W. Middleton officiating.

The young couple will make their home in Delhi, where Mr. (Continued on Page 4)



Introducing the Jacksons by letter. "My sister and I would like to introduce ourselves to our daddy's friends through the COLUMNS. Our daddy is L. C. Jackson, Jr., better known to his friends during his college career as Big Jack.

"My name is L. C. Jackson, III. I am 20 months old. My sister's name is Mary Lynette Jackson. She is five months old.

"Our daddy speaks of his old friends often, also of the great times he used to have playing basketball and football for his alma mater.

"We would like to see all of you personally. We would like for you to see us, too. Until we are a few years older we will just send our pictures, which we hope you will like.

"P. S. Why don't some of daddy's old friends drop him a few lines as he would love to hear from you?"

L. C. and Mary Lynette Jackson
4817 Johnston Street
Corpus Christi, Texas

Pictured above are the two lovely children of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Means, Jr., of Roseneath Plantation, Gloster. Beverly Adair Means is shown as she appeared as flower girl at her uncle's wedding. David B. (Happy) Means III, is pictured at two and one-half years of age. He plans to be the fullback for a future Demon team.

Mrs. Means is the former Adair Scherz, B.S. '42.

5 at South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas. Mr. Howell is Sales Engineer trainee for Tube Cote, Inc. They will make their home in Shreveport.

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MISS PATRICIA ANN CRUIKSHANK, former student of Ruston, and James Vernon Cobb, Jr., also of Ruston, were married in St. Thomas Catholic Church on April 30. The groom has just recently been discharged from U. S. Army after three years of service. The young couple will reside in Ruston.

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MISS RUTH LILLIAN HOLLAND, A.B. '34, of DeRidder, and Representative Jodie W. Stout of Delhi, were married in the First Methodist Church of DeRidder recently. Miss Holland is employed as secretary to Lieut. Governor Barham. The couple will make their home in Delhi.

and Business, respectively. Mr. Hall is employed by Arkansas Fuel Oil Co., Shreveport.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rike, 700 Starlin Avenue, Sulphur, have announced the arrival of a "Bundle from Heaven" in the person of E. A. "Andy" Rike, Jr., on March 27. Mrs. Rike is the former Margie Moore, B.S. '49, of Noble.

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Cupid's Doings

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Hoss is district superintendent for a gas company.

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MISS FREIDA SQUYRES, A.B., '50, formerly of Lisbon, and Mr. Edward Fleming Olive, of Springhill, were married at the Central Baptist Church of Springhill on April 15. The bride has been a member of the faculty at Springhill High School for the past three or four years, where she is serving as librarian.

The young couple will make their home in Springhill. Mr. Olive is also a member of the high school faculty.

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MISS LOUISE WARDLAW, B.S. '47, of Shreveport, and Ray Lewis, of Springhill, were married at St. Mathias Episcopal Church of Shreveport on August 15. The bride is a member of the Springhill High School faculty. She has been teaching physical education there since graduation from college. Mr. Lewis is employed at a bank in Springhill.

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MISS MARY FRANCES CRUMP, senior in Nursing at Whiteside School of Nursing, Temple, Texas, and Mr. GRADY F. HOWELL, A.B. '50, of 1805 Huffion, Houston, Texas, were married on February

BIRTHS

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hall, 501 Ogilvie Street, Bossier City, are the proud parents of twin girls, Jackie Lynn and Jerrie Ann, born recently. They have one other child, Greg Hall, who will be three years old on May 31. Mrs. Hall, the former Evelyn Hollis, and Jack both received their degrees in January, 1951, in Music





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